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1. The Chinese Communist-North Korean Air Forces Combined Command Headquarters at Antung is under the direct command of the Soviet Far East Headquarters. Soviet Air Force General Nomansk<sup>1</sup> is senior adviser to the Antung headquarters. Soviet Air Force Colonel Zatsarev<sup>2</sup> is chief adviser to the Chinese Communist and North Korean Joint Operations Section, Air Headquarters, Antung.
2. All MIG sorties over North Korea are directed by a Soviet air commander. Soviet pilots sometimes lead attacks against United Nations fighters; other times they act as spotters, directing from higher altitudes the attacking Chinese Communist and North Korean pilots.
3. The four airfields known as the Antung Complex have a minimum of 200 jet fighters attached at any given time. Under command of 180 Soviet Air Force officers, 600 North Korean Air Force personnel and 1,000 Chinese Communist Air Force personnel are available for duty on a 24-hour basis.
4. The Soviet Air Advisory Commission, under General Nomansk, is responsible to the Soviet air commander of the Dairen-Port Arthur area. Round-the-clock flights from Dairen to the Antung Complex fields are piloted exclusively by Soviet airmen. Soviet air officers<sup>3</sup> rotate to Dairen and Port Arthur for rest leave. Families of senior air officers are quartered in the Port Arthur area.
5. The Soviet Air Force has approximately 600 aircraft in Port Arthur and Dairen. These planes are jets, conventional fighters, and light bombers of Soviet

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origin. These aircraft are exclusive of those planes assigned to the Chinese Communist Air Force.

6. These Soviet reserve force planes will be committed to action if the United Nations extends the air war over Manchuria. Soviet Far East aircraft will carry Chinese Communist Air Force markings, and a high percentage of pilots will be either Chinese or Mongolian. Soviet air tactics will continue. Both tactical and strategic air missions will be commanded by Soviet airmen.

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  2. [REDACTED] Comment. Phonetic; also received as Zatsajev.
  3. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably those officers stationed in Antung.

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